

Supervisor Lesko and Councilwoman Bonner Announce "Shed the Meds" Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program Event on June 9

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Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner have announced that the Town of Brookhaven and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office will sponsor a "Shed the Meds" Pharmaceutical Take-Back event on Saturday, June 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center located at 739 Route 25A in Mount Sinai.

"I ask that all residents clean out their medicine cabinets and dispose of their unused prescription medications at this event on Saturday," said Supervisor Lesko, "It's the best way to get rid of them without harming the environment and I thank Councilwoman Bonner and the Sheriff's Office for organizing this event."

"Unused prescription medications can be very dangerous to have around the house," said Councilwoman Bonner, "It's important that they are disposed of properly to avoid accidental use or misuse by anyone, young and old. I thank Sheriff DeMarco and his office for their role in the collection and safe disposal of these materials and urge all residents to take part in this program."

Sheriff DeMarco added, "I strongly encourage anyone who has any unwanted medication to participate and I appreciate Supervisor Lesko and Councilwoman Bonner working closely with us to help raise awareness of this important issue."

The public is encouraged to drop off unused medications, which will then be disposed of in an environmentally safe way by the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office. All pharmaceutical drop-offs are confidential, and no questions will be asked. By safely disposing of medications, residents will be protecting our drinking water from the contamination caused by pharmaceutical residues and ensuring that children, young adults and others will not have access to unused prescription medication and controlled substances. The Sheriff's Office will also safely dispose of covered hypodermic needles and syringes.

For more information, please contact Councilwoman Jane Bonner's Office at 631-451-6964 or the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office at 631-852-3436.

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